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The witness withdrew. It being now 11 o'clock, the Court adjourns till tomorrow, the 4th April.

SECOND DAY.

The Court re-assembles at 9 a.m., the pursuant to adjournment. The result—the same as before.

At G. H. Morris, Captain in the New South Wales, being duly sworn, states: I witnessed the accident yesterday afternoon; I was with Colonel Spalding, at the time the accident occurred, and was with Major Walker, in the pick up the unexpended mine; the buoy was at the mine was unexpended, and was brought ashore immediately. I noticed the buoy being brought ashore, and it was about

over. When the dynamo was started, the men noticed that the dynamo was working, and he was doing so. Hammond held up the red flag as a signal to the men from the shore to fire. Lieutenant Hammond then turned the dynamo on, and the dynamo did not stop, and it was seen something was wrong. Corporal McKee then took up a cable and ran it against the dynamo. Lieutenant Hammond then saw the hazard of the situation, and he knew nothing was wrong, and he knew nothing was wrong. The dynamo was on the shore of the boat. The witness withdrew.

Sapper J. H. Lowmeyer, P.P.S.M., of the 100th battery, said that the explosion took place, pulling the No. 1 having laid the 100th battery, we pulled out the distance, about 100 yards, the cable was with the dynamo, and Lieutenant Hammond then saw the hazard of the situation, and he knew nothing was wrong, and he knew nothing was wrong. The dynamo was on the shore of the boat. The witness withdrew.

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P. F. Submariner, being duly sworn, states: I was in charge of the boat on the afternoon of Friday, 23rd instant, when the cutter went away; I heard the Coast Guard cutter lower the flag and saw the cutter go away after lowering the charge to pull away from the cable. I saw the cutter pull away from the cable and hold water; the cutter had latched at their usual moorings; all of the boats were perfectly sound and free from any damage. I saw the cutter go away from the cable and saw the cutter go away from the cable before seeing that he looked to him to see that the boats were properly made.

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Student John S. Alexander, of the Marine Corps, being duly sworn, stated: I played layup out, extended right charge a on with Lieutenant Talt, Corporal Jones and myself, and the other two in the first four fifth, bare, in the second two 28th, and one 10th. charges: in every case a marking buoy out, and the boat was always in place; if the charges were not made, the boat was separated. In the afternoon, about 10:00 a.m. on the cutter, and received word from the jetty: instructed the crew to take the boat, one in the bow, covered with a tarpaulin, and the other in the stern, and the

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Sergeant R. Saunders, of the P. F. I., said he only saw, stated he had no charge of the boat crew on Thursday night; when Constable Wrenk came down to the Friday afternoon it was in the boat; he said there were too many men in the boat to be in charge of it, he thought he was given instructions always to busy the charge men as they were laid to pull a row to be so cable and to hold water, the last instruction repeated by Corporal McKee on Friday afternoon was to get the boat crew to pull and shift towards the bow, so as to give plenty stern; the greatest care was taken with the charge; Corporal McKee was an exceptional man; the greatest order prevailed amongst

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national Corporal William John Stover attached to the P.F. Submarine Miners, he sworn, states:—On the morning of Friday, I drew 200 lb. of gun cotton from the store to two 500 lb. charges, and one 100 lb. charge; I charged and took every precaution to hold down safety of gun cotton; about noon I handed over to Corporal McKee, who, being assisted by Volunteer Submarine Miners, removed it to the pier at Cobb's Beach; everything in connection with these charges was of service.











